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January 31, 1986

Dr. Nicholas Vaslef  
Director  
Radio Liberty, Inc.  
1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

*Dear Nick*

I was delighted to see the confirmation of what all of your friends have been hoping for, your official selection as Director. Your new President has clearly started off on the right foot as far as all of us are concerned! Congratulations and best wishes for your continued success in this important endeavor.

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I also enclose the refund for the package which I mailed for you.

With warm regards to you and Irene

*George*  
George Kolt

*Plus money*

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TAGS: PGDV, SCOM, XH, UR  
SUBJECT: CHANGES IN RADIO FREE EUROPE AND  
- RADIO LIBERTY PERSONNEL

1. RFE/RL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED JANUARY 20  
THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ACTING DIRECTOR OF  
RADIO LIBERTY, DR. NICHOLAS VASLEF, WOULD  
BECOME DIRECTOR OF RADIO LIBERTY. GEORGE URBAN,  
CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF RADIO FREE EUROPE, WILL  
LEAVE HIS POSITION IN APRIL. IN ADDITION,  
MR. WILLIAM MURPHY, DIRECTOR OF RFE RESEARCH,  
WILL BE LEAVING THE RADIO TO RETURN TO THE  
UNITED STATES.

2. NO REPLACEMENT FOR URBAN HAS BEEN NAMED AS YET.  
RADIO LIBERTY DIRECTOR VASLEF TOLD CONGEN OFFICER  
THAT HE WOULD BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR FOR RADIO LIBERTY IN THE COMING DAYS.

3. MURPHY'S DEPARTURE FROM RFE APPEARS TO BE  
LARGELY A PERSONAL DECISION MADE TO PERMIT HIS  
WIFE TO CONTINUE HER CAREER IN THE STATES.

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END OF MESSAGE

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